

Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF)

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

ADARSA organization has been collaborating with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF) founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi for the protection of children in the districts of Sambalpur and Jharsuguda. We are working hand in hand with the stakeholders for a world that is free of violence and abuse against children and create a child friendly environment where children are free, safe, healthy and educated.

It is known that child marriage is a social evil that steals rights of children and their childhood. The fifth National Family Health Survey conducted in 2019–2021, revealed that 23.3% of girls between the ages of 20 and 24 get married before the legal age of 18 years old.

This is a cause of grave concern and requires immediate action. The Government has enacted the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act in 2006 that provides for prevention and protection of children from early marriage.

However, ADARSA has intervened the project **“Access to Justice for Children”** working in 300 villages of Sambalpur and Jharsuguda district. At community level created awareness on child marriage and total 4,50,000 pledges have taken, total 89 child trafficking cases and 63 nos. of children are rescued and filed cases, 41 child sexual abuse cases.





OPENSHELTER MANAGEMENT REPORT 2022-23

In the year 2019, the organisation ADARSA came up with its project of Open Shelter at Gulabandh, Sambalpur. The shelter home is registered under section 41 JJ ACT 2019. It is a home for the children in need of care and protection.

It is a community-based facility that provides temporary accommodation, support services, and resources to individuals experiencing homelessness or those in need of emergency shelter, aim to offer a safe, inclusive, and non-discriminatory environment to all individuals regardless of their background, gender, age, or beliefs. It works in collaboration with local government agencies, non-profit organizations, and volunteers to ensure the provision of essential services. Offer immediate relief and a safe space for individuals facing homelessness, natural disasters, or other emergencies. Its sanction capacity is total 25 and age limit is below 18 years old. Basically, all types of missing, runaway, child labor, child marriage, child sexual abuse, orphan children are rescue in Sambalpur district and stay short term basis when their home address is identified we hand over the child to their parents. Children provided with minimum support such as dress, oil, brush, past, soap, comb, study materials etc. apart from that children also access with indoor and outer games, regular medical checkup by a doctor for better health, provide them education facilities. Total number of Children Admission-80 (Total boys 45 and girls 35).

